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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0685

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SUBJ: PROTECTIVE SECURITY KHARTOUM

REF: (A) KHARTOUM 0651

(B) KHARTOUM 0656

(C) BEIRUT 3466

(D) GABORONE 0485 (FROM RCO)

DEPT FOR CHIEF, SY/FO; CHIEF, SY/T

BEIRUT FOR RSS AND RTC

NAIROBI FOR RCO

ADDIS ABABA FOR RSO

RSO SENDS

1. REFTEL (C) APPRECIATE RTC RESPONSE TO REQUESTS. ELECTRIC DOOR OPENER IS ITEM S- L-405(H) FOR SURFACE MOUNTING, CAPABLE OF BEING OPERATED BY REMOTE BUTTON IN ADDITION TO CYPHER LOCK. ALSO REQUIRE THREE LOCKS FOR USE WITH DOOR OPENER WHICH ARE KEYED SO MAY BE OPENED WHEN POWER FAILS. THINK THESE ARE ITEM S- L-356 YALE 1709 RW FOR SURFACE COUNTING. POST ALSO REQUIRES EIGHT ACE PADLOCKS, ITEM S- L-38 FOR USE WITH DEADBOLTS.

2. CONCERNING PARA 5, REFTEL (C) MSG AT NIGHT HAS NO COMMUNICATION WITH GROUND FLOOR ENTRANCE AND VISITORS WALK TO THIRD FLOOR, RING DOORBELL, CAUSING MSG TO LEAVE POST, DESCEND TO THIRD FLOOR TO INVESTIGATE. INTERCOM BETWEEN MSG AND VISITOR
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WHILE STILL ON GROUND WILL FACILITATE CONTROL AND INCREASE SECURITY. VOLTAGE IN KHARTOUM IS 220 AND 50 CYCLE, WITH DOORBELL TRANSFORMERS AVAILABLE FOR REDUCTION TO TWELVE VOLTS. IF SY/T CAN OBTAIN AND AIR POUCH SUGGEST TWO- STATION INTERCOM NOW WITH POSSIBLE TWO ADDITIONAL STATIONS LATER. PERCEIVE NO HAZARD ARISING FROM STATION AT RECEPTION DESK. EMBASSY ELECTRICIAN CAN INSTALL.

3. IN RESPECT PARA 4 REFTEL (C) RSO UNDERSTANDS DIFFICULTIES OBTAINING CCTV QUICKLY AND BURDENS WHICH PREVENT EARLY VISIT BY SO/ T. AS REFLECTED OTHER REPORTING HARD THREAT CONTINUES EXIST. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HOPEFUL LEVEL OF THREAT LESSENED AT PRESENT, PENDING TRIAL OF TERRORISTS, BOTH EMBASSY AND RSO SHARE VIEW THAT CCTV MUST BE INSTALLED AND PROTECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO END OF TRIAL IF ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF PROTECTION IS TO BE ATTAINED. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WE LOOK TO DEPARTMENT TO OVERCOME NORMAL DELAYS.

4. REFTEL (D) FROM RCO MOST ENCOURAGING, HOWEVER BELIEVE EARLY VISIT FROM CEO REQUIRED SINCE NEW TUBES HAVE NOT IMPROVED PERFORMANCE OF DM-76 BASE STATION. MEASURED OUTPUT IS NOW 33 WATTS BUT ONLY HN-36 ABLE TO INTERCEPT BASE AND REPLY IS IN RESIDENCE ONE BLOCK FROM EMBASSY. SUGGEST DELAY VISIT UNTIL REPLACEMENT M-76 FOR CHARGE' S CAR ARRIVES FROM NAIROBI.

5. SINCE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS REQUESTED IN REFTELS (A) AND (B) DESIRED WITHIN THREE WEEKS, AND AIRLINE RESTRICTIONS PREVENT SHIPMENT AMMUNITION, COULD WEAPONS AND AMMO BE DELIVERED BY AIR FORCE VIA ASMARA? DECLAS 31 DEC 1979. FRITTS

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